

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Olympia, Washington**

To: Pharmacists
All Prescribers
Managed Care Plans

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Health and Recovery Services
Administration (HRSA)

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800.562.3022 or visit
<http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/pharmacy/>

Subject: Prescription Drug Program: Coding change for Emergency Contraception (EC) Counseling

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, the Health and Recovery Services Administration is replacing the code used for emergency Contraception (EC) counseling with a new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code. Providers must add the modifier "FP" when billing HRSA for EC counseling.

EC Counseling Code Change

Deleted Procedure Code	Replacement Code Effective 01/01/06	Description	Modifier	Maximum Allowable Fee
S9445	0115T - FP	EC Counseling	FP	\$13.50

Note: The FP modifier is required to indicate family planning counseling.

Billing Instructions Replacement Pages

Attached are replacement pages G.3-G.4 for HRSA's *Prescription Drug Program Billing Instructions*.

How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing WaMedWeb at
<http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>

How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.

Emergency Contraception Pills (ECP)

Emergency contraception pills are reimbursable through the MAA Point-of-Sale (POS) prescription drug system. To receive payment, pharmacies must bill MAA fee-for-service using the specific NDC and prescribing provider number 9777707. Pharmacies who are members of, or subcontract with, managed care plans must bill the prescription cost to the plans. MAA reimburses pharmacists for ECP plus a dispensing fee. Bill ECP using the appropriate NDC.

Emergency Contraception (EC) Counseling

When a pharmacist with an EC protocol approved by the Board of Pharmacy prescribes ECP, the pharmacy may bill MAA for the counseling portion.

Prior to billing for EC counseling, MAA must have a letter or fax on file requesting reimbursement for EC counseling along with a copy of the pharmacist's approved protocol certificate from the Board of Pharmacy.

The request must state, "*Attached is the approved protocol certificate from the Board of Pharmacy,*" and must include the pharmacy's MAA provider number. Send the initial request and certificate copy to:

Medical Assistance Administration
 Provider Enrollment Unit
 PO Box 45562
 Olympia, WA 98504-5562
 FAX: (360) 586-1209

Use the following procedure code and diagnosis code to bill for EC counseling.

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The counseling is a service-related item, not a drug, and must be billed on a HCFA-1500 claim form or electronically via WaMedWeb. The pharmacy must use its MAA-assigned provider number (beginning with a "6"), not the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) number. The prescribing provider number 9777707 must be entered in *Referring Provider field* (field 17a), and diagnosis code V25.09 (contraceptive management) must be used.

Anti-emetics

Pharmacists with prescriptive authority for emergency contraception pills may prescribe and bill for selected anti-emetics only when these drugs are dispensed in conjunction with emergency contraception pills. MAA will reimburse the following only when they are prescribed and dispensed in the strength/dose form listed:

Meclizine hydrochloride	25 mg tablets
Diphenhydramine hydrochloride	25 mg tablets
Dimenhydrinate	50 mg tablets
Promethazine hydrochloride	25 mg suppository
Metoclopramide	5 mg, 10 mg tablets
Prochlorperazine	5 mg suppository

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